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said elongated strip has flanges projecting from first and second sides thereof into an interior of said tubular duct, said noncombustible joint member is engaged with said flanges, and said flanges and said noncombustible joint member are disposed in the interior of said tubular duct.

43. (canceled)

44. (previously presented) A noncombustible insulating duct according to claim 31, wherein

said noncombustible sheet is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of an aluminum glass cloth, aluminum foil, a nonflamably treated resin film, a glass cloth the pores of which have been filled and coated with silicon, a fire proof processed nonwoven cloth, a nonflamably treated mixed woven cloth, and a mica sheet.

45. (previously presented) A noncombustible insulating duct according to claim 22, wherein

said noncombustible sheet is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of an aluminum glass cloth, aluminum foil, a nonflamably treated resin film, a glass cloth the pores of which have been filled and coated with silicon, a fire proof processed nonwoven cloth, a nonflamably treated mixed woven cloth, and a mica sheet.

46. (canceled)

47. (previously presented) A noncombustible insulating duct according to claim 15, wherein

said noncombustible sheet is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of an aluminum glass cloth, aluminum foil, a nonflamably treated resin film, a glass cloth the pores